GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2815
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2005
STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has decided to make arrangements for the storage of foodgrains in some States to avoid the transportation costs running into crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) the profit likely to accrue to the farmers of these States as a result to this step; and

(d) the names of the districts where warehouses under the said scheme is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) makes adequate arrangements for safe storage of foodgrains in various States, based on requirements. The details of the Storage Capacity with the FCI, State-wise, is at Annex.

(c): By opening adequate purchase centres by the FCI and State agencies, farmers are assured of minimum support prices for their foodgrain produce conforming to specifications.

(d): The storage capacity created by the FCI during 2004-05 (upto 31.1.2005) is as under:

1. Manmad (Maharashtra) - 11920 MTs
2. Tumkur (Karnataka) - 5000 MTs
3. Koppal (Karnataka) - 10000 MTs

ANNEX

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2815 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.3.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

As on 31.1.2005
Figures in Lakh Tonnes

Name of the State (Covered & CAP/Owned and Hired)	Total Storage Capacity
Bihar	4.92
Jharkhand	1.11
Orissa	5.99
West Bengal	10.55
Sikkim	0.11
Assam	2.52
Arunachal Pradesh	0.18
Meghalaya	0.19
Mizoram	0.18
Tripura	0.24
Manipur	0.20
Nagaland	0.27
Delhi	3.70
Haryana	23.23

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Himachal Pradesh	0.26
Jammu & Kashmir	1.03
Punjab	77.98
Chandigarh	1.06
Rajasthan	9.21
Uttar Pradesh	25.87
Uttranchal	1.81
Andhra Pradesh	33.89
Kerala	5.46
Karnataka	6.17
Tamil Nadu	7.67
Pondichery	0.42
Gujarat	5.79
Maharashtra	15.87
Goa	0.15
Madhya Pradesh	5.43
Chattisgarh	8.49
Total	259.95